

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (previously canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended)

A method of priming a concrete pump line, said method comprising the steps of as characterized by:

providing a solid particulate mixture comprised of solvatable polymeric material in an amount in the range of from about 2 percent to about 50 percent by weight of said mixture and urea in an amount in the range of from about 50 percent to about 98 percent by weight of said mixture;

mixing said solid particulate mixture with a sufficient quantity of water to form a flowable composition; and

pumping said flowable composition through a concrete pump line.

Claim 3 (currently amended)

A method of priming a concrete pump line as described in claim 2 wherein further characterized in that said polymeric material comprises solvatable polymeric material in an amount in the range of from about 10 percent to about 20 percent by weight of said mixture and urea in an amount in the range of from about 80 percent to about 90 percent by weight of said mixture.

Claim 4 (currently amended)

A method of priming a concrete pump line as described in claim 3 wherein further characterized in that said polymeric material is selected from a group consisting of polyacrylamide, polyacrylate, copolymers of polyacrylamide and polyacrylate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended)

A method of priming a concrete pump line as described in claim 4 wherein further characterized in that said polymeric material comprises polyacrylamide in an amount greater than about 80 percent by weight of said polymeric material and a copolymer of polyacrylate and polyacrylamide in an amount less than about 20 percent by weight of said polymeric material.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

A method of priming a concrete pump line as described in claim 2 wherein ~~1 further characterized in that~~ said mixture comprises a buffering agent.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

A method of priming a concrete pump line as described in claim 6 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said buffering agent comprises citric acid.

Claim 8 (previously canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended)

A method of making a flowable composition for use in priming a concrete pump line, said method comprising the step of, ~~as characterized by~~ mixing solid particulate material with water, wherein said mixture comprises solvatable polymeric material in an amount in the range of from about 2 percent to about 50 percent by weight of said mixture and urea in an amount in the range of from about 50 percent to about 98 percent by weight of said mixture.

Claim 10 (currently amended)

A method of making as described in claim 9 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material comprises solvatable polymeric material in an amount in the range of from about 10 percent to about 20 percent by weight of said mixture and urea in an amount in the range of from about 80 percent to about 90 percent by weight of said mixture.

Claim 11 (currently amended)

A method of making as described in claim 10 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material is selected from a group consisting of polyacrylamide, polyacrylate, copolymers of polyacrylamide and polyacrylate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 12 (currently amended)

A method of making as described in claim 11 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material comprises polyacrylamide in an amount greater than about 80 percent by weight of said polymeric material and copolymer of polyacrylate and polyacrylamide in an amount less than about 20 percent by weight of said polymeric material.

Claim 13 (currently amended)

A method of making as described in claim 9 wherein ~~8 further characterized in that~~ said mixture further comprises a buffering agent.

Claim 14 (currently amended)

A method of making as described in claim 13 wherein ~~9 further characterized in that~~ said buffering agent comprises citric acid.

Claim 15 (currently amended)

A method of making as described in claim 9 wherein ~~8 further characterized in that~~ the ratio of mixture to water in said flowable composition is in the range of about .01 to about 1.0 pounds of mixture per gallon of water.

Claim 16 (currently amended)

A method of making as described in claim 15 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ the ratio of mixture to water in said flowable composition is in the range of about .05 to about .20 pounds of mixture per gallon of water.

Claim 17 (previously canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended)

A solid particulate mixture ~~characterized in that~~ when mixed with a sufficient quantity of water forms a flowable composition useful in priming a concrete pump line, wherein said solid particulate mixture comprises solvatable polymeric material in an amount in the range of from about 2 percent to about 50 percent by weight of said mixture and urea in an amount in the range of from about 50 percent to about 98 percent by weight of said mixture.

Claim 19 (currently amended)

A particulate mixture as described in claim 18 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material comprises solvatable polymeric material in an amount in the range of from about 10 percent to about 20 percent by weight of said mixture and urea in an amount in the range of from about 80 percent to about 90 percent by weight of said mixture.

Claim 20 (currently amended)

A particulate mixture as described in claim 19 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material is selected from a group consisting of polyacrylamide, polyacrylate, copolymers of polyacrylamide and polyacrylate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 21 (currently amended)

A particulate mixture as described in claim 20 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material comprises polyacrylamide in an amount greater than about 80 percent by weight of said polymeric material and a copolymer of polyacrylate and polyacrylamide in an amount less than about 20 percent by weight of said polymeric material.

Claim 22 (currently amended)

A particulate mixture as described in claim 18 wherein ~~17 further characterized in that~~ said mixture further comprises a buffering agent.

Claim 23 (currently amended)

A particulate mixture as described in claim 22 further characterized in that said buffering agent comprises citric acid.

Claim 24 (previously canceled)

Claim 25 (currently amended)

A flowable composition for use in priming a concrete pump line, ~~further characterized in that~~ said composition comprising[es] a solid particulate mixture and water, wherein said mixture comprises solvatable polymeric material in an amount in the range of from about 2 percent to about 50 percent by weight of said mixture and urea in an amount in the range of from about 50 percent to about 98 percent by weight of said mixture.

Claim 26 (currently amended)

A flowable composition as described in claim 25 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material comprises solvatable polymeric material in an amount in the range of from about 10 percent to about 20 percent by weight of said mixture and urea in an amount in the range of from about 80 percent to about 90 percent by weight of said mixture.

Claim 27 (currently amended)

A flowable composition as described in claim 26 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material is selected from a group consisting of polyacrylamide, polyacrylate, copolymers of polyacrylamide and polyacrylate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 28 (currently amended)

A flowable composition as described in claim 27 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said polymeric material comprises polyacrylamide in an amount greater than about 80 percent by weight of said polymeric material and a copolymer of polyacrylate and polyacrylamide in an amount less than about 20 percent by weight of said polymeric material.

Claim 29 (currently amended)

A flowable composition as described in claim 25 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said mixture further comprises a buffering agent.

Claim 30 (currently amended)

A flowable composition as described in claim 29 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ said buffering agent comprises citric acid.

Claim 31 (currently amended)

A flowable composition as described in claim 25 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ the ratio of mixture to water in said flowable composition is in the range of about .01 to about 1.0 pounds of mixture per gallon of water.

Claim 32 (currently amended)

A flowable composition as described in claim 31 wherein ~~further characterized in that~~ the ratio of mixture to water in said flowable composition is in the range of about .05 to about .20 pounds of mixture per gallon of water.